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SUBJECT: TOUR D'HORIZON WITH MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES TOUR D'HORIZON THIS MORNING WITH DCMLA MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN, DE FACTO NUMBER ONE IN BDG AS OF THIS WRITING.

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2. INTERNATIONAL. BDG GAINED FROM RECENT DIPLOMATIC

EFFORTS, BUT INDIA'S ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS BANGLADESH
CONTINUE. ADMITTED THERE IS LESS HOSTILE PROPAGANDA
AND THAT SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS NOW SPOIT IN LOWER KEY.
GOI MUST UNDERSTAND BDG REALIZES IT HAS NOTHING TO GAIN
BY BEING ENEMY OF INDIA AND IN TURN BDG'S STABILITY IS
VITAL TO INDIA. ADMITTED HE WAS LESS ANXIOUS THAN A MONTH
AGO, BUT ADDED THAT THIS WAS AT BEST A SHORT TERM ESTIMATE.

- 3. DOMESTIC POLITICAL. THIS INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO ELECTIONS BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHEN THESE COULD BE HELD.
- 4. DOMESTIC ECONOMIC. GOVERNMENT MUST FIND WAYS TO GENERATE MORE EMPLOYMENT, PUT IDLE MONEY TO WORK, IMPROVE BUREAUCRACY. TO MY PITCH ON POPULATION CRISIS, HE ADMITTED AWARENESS OF NEED FOR URGENCY, IMPROVEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, AND RIGHT OF DONORS TO BE CONCERNED. SAID THEY WERE MOBILIZING POPULATION EFFORTS TO MEET THESE CONCERNS.
- $5.\ \mbox{NON-SUSPENSEFUL}$ DETAILS FOLLOW SEPTEL AFTER XMAS WEEKEND. CHESLAW

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